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# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS CRITICIZED

CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES INCUR LOSSES -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 91, 10 May 49

Construction projects in Novosibirsk City and Oblast as a whole fell considerably short of the 1948 capital construction plan. The "Sibsel'mashstroy" (Construction of Siberian Agricultural-Machine Building Enterprises) Trust, the one exception, fulfilled the 1948 plan 103 percent, cut costs 7 percent, and realized 1,417,000 rubles in profits. The "Novosibirskpromstroy" (Construction of Novosibirsk Industrial Enterprises) Trust, on the other hand, completed only 50 percent of the plan and its losses amounted to one fourth of the total construction cost. The trust was scheduled to achieve 3.5 turnovers of working capital during the year, but actually achieved only 1.8 turnovers. The value of the work it completed, per ruble of working capital, was only half of what had been planned. Despite the substantial sums allocated to it in 1948, and the increase in Government subsidy, the trust's financial condition did not improve and it was forced to incur large debts at the industrial bank. Only 50 percent of these loans were paid off by the end of the year.

The financial conditions of "Sibstroyput" (Construction of the Siberian Railroads) Trust was even worse in 1948. The value of work it completed per ruble of working capital amounted to only one ruble, 60 kopeks, instead of 2 rubles, 94 kopeks, with the result that the turnover of working capital took 225 days instead of the planned 123 days. The Road-Building Office of the Administration of the Tomsk Railroad System has also been in a serious financial condition.

Analysis of the balances of these organizations indicates that the "Novosibirsk-promstroy" Trust is able, by more efficient operation, to release 1,800,000 rubles of working capital, the "Sibstroyput" Trust, 750,000 rubles, and the Road-Building Office, more than 334,000 rubles of working capital. Such results can only be obtained by concentration of all resources on the most important projects, maximum increase in construction speed by introduction of the continuous method, and by cutting production costs.

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VOSTOCHNO-KAZAKHSTAN OBLAST INDUSTRY EXPANDS -- Kazkhstanskaya Pravda, No 111, 10 Jun 49

F. D. Petukhov, deputy from Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, in a speech at the third session of the Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, stated that the volume of capital investment in the oblast in 1949 will increase more than 200 percent in comparison with 1947. This points out that the oblast has become the greatest industrial center in Kazakhstan. In addition, the cities of Ust'-Kamenogorsk, Leninogorsk, and Zyrjanovsk have grown very fast in recent years.

However, the State budget for 1949 does not provide funds for the construction of water mains and a sewage system in Ust'-Kamenogorsk. Under present conditions, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast cannot utilize its large supplies of timber and fuel. The capacity of the fuel industry should be expanded.

SEVASTOPOL' RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 138, 14 Jun 49

Reconstruction of Sevastopol' is progressing rapidly. Output by reconstructed plants and factories is now more than the 1941 production. There will be reconstructed and built new, 332,000 square meters of living quarters. A new railroad station building, a mill combine with a grain elevator, a dairy products plant, a knitting factory, and a sewing factory are under construction.

ARCHITECTS MEET IN MOSCOW -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 143, 17 Jun 49

The Academy of Architecture USSR is sponsoring a series of scientific meetings, devoted to the architecture of tall buildings in Moscow. These conferences will lay the foundation for a study of the development of tall building construction in the Soviet capital. The authors of construction projects and designers of new, many-storied buildings on Smolensk Square, Dorogomilov Embankment, in Zaryad'ye, and in Leninskiye Gory, have been invited to deliver reports at the meetings. The conference opens today with an introductory speech by Ye. G. Chernov, director of the Institute of History and Theory of Architecture, Academy of Architecture USSR. The scientific conferences in the Academy of Architecture will continue 4 days.

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